

THE DAY'S DOINGS IN WESTERLY

Joseph Gabriel Sleeps Soundly While Adjoining Store is Robbed—Gunners Yearning to Shoot Thieving Deer—Body of James E. Burke, Jr. Not Found on Wednesday—Marriages—Fraternity Elections.

If the recommendation of the inland fish commission, of which Charles W. Willard of Westerly is the president, are adopted, the present lobster law that was made an issue in the recent gubernatorial campaign, as well as other laws relating to fisheries, will be thoroughly overhauled and revised at the coming session of the general assembly.

President Willard declined to give response to the queries as to what particular parts of the present lobster law were objectionable to the commission, or what radical changes were to be recommended. He said he did not care to bring up old matters, and so long as the incident was closed he had no desire to start it anew.

President Willard stated that changes in the present laws would be recommended in many ways, with the idea of bringing the laws of Rhode Island in regard to lobsters up to the standard of Massachusetts and other states. In making this revision, he said that the opinions of scientists, the fishermen and the general public would be considered and would govern the commission in the framing of the proposed laws. He said it was the aim of the board to protect the lobsters in every way possible, and at the same time protect the true fishermen.

The board will hold a series of meetings during the next three weeks in order to complete this part of their work. No action has yet been taken as to the appropriations for the ensuing year.

John J. Dunn of Westerly, secretary of the state board of agriculture, states that the board has considered several matters which will be embodied in the annual report to the general assembly. Among other things which the board will urge is the passage of a law to provide for an open season on deer. Farmers in Washington county, where deer rove in herds, have been complaining for the past two years of the depredations of the animals, according to Mr. Dunn. Owners of orchards are bitter against the deer, as they eat young trees and in one instance, at least, destroyed a young orchard of many thousand peach trees.

At present there is a law which permits farmers to kill deer in the act of destroying the crops. The board of agriculture wants the law to go farther and make an open season on the deer, and give all who desire opportunity to hunt. An attempt to pass a similar law last year failed.

Stricter laws relating to the care and restraint of dogs will be recommended, although effort last year failed in the legislature of 1909 and 1910.

Other measures which will be recommended provide for orchard and seed inspection and amendments to the proposed nursery inspection law.

A member of one of the theatrical companies which played recently in Westerly came here direct from New London, bringing with him a piece of a silver set that belonged to the Hotel Royal of that city. The thief was released.

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smelled smoke and went to the cellar to find that fire had broken out near the furnace. Mr. Barnes telephoned the Mystic hook and ladder company and Harry Douglas, George Tinsley, with Dr. A. M. Purdy in the doctor's auto, responded, carrying with them fire extinguishers, and after a battle with the blaze for over one-half hour were able to check it only after it had done \$200 worth of damage. Just how the fire started is not known.

General News.
John Francis has returned from a week's visit with his daughter in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.
James and William Hanley have returned to Westerly after a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hanley.
S. S. Brown MacKenzie was in Leeward Wednesday evening, an usher at the Gray-Bennett wedding.

Miss Georgia Ricker Holyoke is a guest at the Stanton home.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper of Pearl River, N. Y., is guest of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper.
Miss Priscilla Billings of North Stonington is the guest of Miss Ruth Rogers.
Miss Marguerite King of Providence is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred King.
Richard Morgan is spending a week in New York City.

Harold Richman has returned to New York after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richman.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cottrell of Sandwich, Mass., are the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Elsie Douglas.

While Joseph Gabriel slept in a room adjoining his store in Oak street, burglar removed a pane of glass from a side window, entered the store, took about \$85 from the cash drawer, all that it contained, also a few boxes of cigars, and departed without awakening the sleeper, who slept so soundly that there is doubt if he could have heard the sound of the horn of his angel namesake.

Mr. Gabriel retired shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday night after locking himself securely in the store, and was amazed Wednesday morning when he realized that he had been robbed during the night. The facts were reported to police headquarters, but Gabriel could give nothing that would serve as a clue to the thief.

Although without basis, Mr. Gabriel is of opinion that there was more than one concerned in the robbery, as no one man would dare to commit theft in such a bold way. He believes that while he slept he was covered by a revolver, which would probably have been used had the burglar been fore satisfied that he slept, for he might have lost his life as well as his money.

Officers were elected at the annual meeting of Hope council, Junior Order Americanists, as follows:
S. C. Nichols, counselor; James E. Tefft, vice counselor; Everett C. Lawton, recording secretary; I. C. Gavitt, assistant; Henry W. Sullivan, financial secretary; J. E. Lewis, treasurer; Alexander Brown, conductor; Harry Johnson, warden; George Card, inside sentinel; John H. Hoar, outside sentinel; W. H. Taylor, chaplain; H. M. McSwiney, trustee for 18 months; Harry Johnson, Charles Davey, S. C. Nichols, trustees.

Local Lronics.
Michael D. Buckley, a New London granite manufacturer, was in Westerly Wednesday.
Augustus Tishan, a soldier stationed at Fort Mansfield, and Miss Louise Helen Siferman of Westerly were married Saturday evening by Rev. Dr. McGilton.

Rev. Horace Stillman of Ashaway, who has been ill for several weeks, was taken to the Westerly hospital Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Stillman is a civil war veteran.

Architect James W. Sweeney of New London, who is supervising the construction of the Howard Dock mansion, near Mattituck Cove, was in Westerly Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. John Neade, rector of St. Michael's church, has completed a reputation double tennis court in the rear of the convent. The court will be open to the public.

Miss Louise Robinson and Shirley H. Gray were married on Thursday evening of last week by Rev. Dr. McGilton. The event was known but to a few of their friends. They returned from their wedding trip Wednesday evening, and will reside in Spruce street.

Although search was made on Tuesday and Wednesday, the body of James E. Burke, Jr. of Fitchville, Conn., who was drowned near Pawtucket Point on Wednesday afternoon, has not been recovered. The father, mother, and sister of young Burke arrived Wednesday in Westerly.

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I. O. O. F. Election—St. Mark's Sunday School Festival—Obituary Notes—Personals.

At the regular meeting of Stonington lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., held Wednesday night, one application was voted on. The election of officers resulted as follows: Past grand, William Armstrong; noble grand, James Cooper; vice grand, Hiram Latham; recording secretary, Christopher C. McLaughlin; financial secretary, Courtland C. Potter; treasurer, Frank W. Batty; trustee for three years, Fred Ward; janitor, Edward G. Cameron. These officers will be installed Wednesday, January 4, by District Deputy Grand Master Joel Kenyon and staff from Fairview lodge, No. 161. Stonington lodge has had a prosperous year and is in a good condition financially.

Surprised on Birthday.
Miss Ruth Abell was given a surprise party Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Abell, on her 14th birthday. Games were played and music rendered. During the evening refreshments were served. Those present were Eleanor Williams, Miriam Lamb, Jessie Gardner, Annie Haupt, Priscilla Dickerson, Elsie Burrows, Nellie Brook, Prudence Mitchell, Margaret Reed, Aileen Wilcox, Harold Mitchell, Russell Sparks, Carl Bradley, Sammie Stewart, Philip Raymond.

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Items Chiefly Personal—Holiday Guests and Their Hosts.

A large number from this village attended the funeral of Samuel Boose in Groton Wednesday afternoon.
Rev. E. B. Gates and family, who have been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Morgan, go to their home in Ansonia Saturday.
A. W. Perkins of Spicer avenue is visiting in Providence.

Alfred Dingle of Malden, Mass., who has been the guest of friends here, has returned home.
Dr. James Ford is visiting friends in New Haven.
Mrs. Lizzie Ellis has returned after a week's visit with friends in Providence.

Charles, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McDonald of Prospect street, is ill.
Miss Maude Fitch has returned home after a long visit with friends in New York.
Mrs. Walter Lewis, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Carson, on Pearl street, leaves Friday for her home in Exbridge, Mass. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Pearl Carson, who goes for a lengthy visit.

E. F. Clyde of Old Mystic was a business caller in town Wednesday.
To Hold Christmas Festival.
The members of Grace Episcopal church will have their Christmas tree and exercises Saturday afternoon at 7 o'clock.

Everett Wilson's Death.
Word was received in town Tuesday of the death of Everett Wilson at Groton, N. Y., where he had been only one week, on a contract job. Mr. Wilson was a former resident of this place and married Miss Carrie Haas, daughter of John T. Haas, and moved from Mystic to Warren, R. I. Archie Haas left for Warren on Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral.

Eight Tables of Whist.
Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Cook entertained at whist on Tuesday evening when eight tables were played. The highest scores were taken by Miss Letitia McLaughlin and Henry Kellogg, while the consolation prizes fell to George Denke and George Johnson. After the whist refreshments were served.

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